

# Evening Telegraph

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1864.

## INVENTIONS—PRINTING AND LETTERS.

We discussed the comparative merits of American and European typography some days since, but the limits of a single article forbade the mention of some points connected with the general subject which are of interest and worth thinking of. We hinted at the most advanced method in the style of execution by any printer. We have lying before us a volume printed at Rome in A. D. 1475, which illustrates the fact. In all that makes a clear, handsome, readable book, this volume equals the best work of the nineteenth century. The invention of the Roman type, which soon took the place of the black letter, had just been made. This volume is therefore a specimen of the letter in its earliest form.

It is noteworthy that for some years past lovers of clear typography have been going back to that same style of letter, so that books are now issued from English and American presses which in style closely resemble the earliest issues of the Roman and other Italian presses after the invention of this form of letter. Nor has the taste for the letter ever been improved since the days of Aldus the great Venetian printer. In finish and attractiveness to the eye, the books of Aldus, though presenting a grand compact mass of typography, are not surpassed by any modern work.

The truth is very plain, then, that in the invention of metal type Gutenberg gave to the world the art of making elegant books. Certainly, but it is not often that men think of the discovery of the art of making sounds visible to the eye, so that the power of the human voice can be extended beyond the mere range of the human lungs. The "reading," in whatever language it is found, implies the debt due to the inventor of a phonetic alphabet.

Picture writing was of no special value until it assumed a phonetic character, until pictures formed an alphabet of sounds. It was comparatively easy to make a picture of a scene, or an event, or of a desired object. But to place in distinct view before the eyes of men the utterances of the human voice, so that the sounds which had formerly died away in the ripples of the atmosphere, and left no impression except on the memories of men who heard them, should be impressed and conveyed from place to place, and preserved from age to age, this certainly was the fundamental discovery on which philosophy and science in all ages have depended. Even the latest grand invention, the telegraph of Morse, acknowledges its debt to the idea of a written language, though it makes a new and peculiar system of letters.

How and when this invention of letters originated it is hard to say. The earliest Egyptian hieroglyphs, dating as far back as ten thousand years before Christ, are believed by learned men to be phonetic, or partially so. Thus Champollion's system is based on the theory that pictures represent and usually represent the sound uttered first in enunciating the name of the object represented. As, for example, in English an elephant would represent the long sound of e, while an elephant would represent the short sound of the same letter. This is a very natural idea, and it is not at all unlikely that the origin of a phonetic alphabet. And if this suggestion be correct, it would seem impossible that the invention of letters, like the steam-engine and other great motive powers in the physical world, was a growth of ages, and did not spring at once into perfection, or even so near perfection as to be of much practical use at the start.—N. Y. Journal of Commerce.

## THE BLESSED BABY.

What "Punch" Says About It.  
The London Punch has the following—  
"PRINCE BABY'S COURT CIRCULAR.—The great satisfaction which was given to the mothers of England by the faithful narrations about Prince Baby which were supplied during the recent tour of Prince Baby's royal parents, and the delight which was felt in reading in a subsequent court circular, that he had been out for an airing, has induced his friend and godfather, Mr. Punch, to make arrangements for the regular preparation of a court circular that shall be devoted only to Prince Baby. The following is the chronicle of the past week—

"Sunday.—H. R. H. very good indeed. Slightly incensed after church at being interrupted in sucking the vial on mamma's finger; but instantly pacified. Grabbed at a wine-glass and threw it down, but only laughed at the pieces, and wanted another.

"Monday.—H. R. H. did not cry during the whole day. Observed that the window his royal parents going out for a ride, distinctly remarked 'Ta-ta,' innocently unconscious that they were out of hearing.

"Tuesday.—H. R. H.'s usual amiability was disturbed by a slight perturbation on the part of his lead nurse, instead of them, Ham, and Japhet, whom he knew, he introduced them all at once. He was graciously pleased, however, to substitute the explanation for the family of Neph.

"Wednesday.—H. R. H. evinced a great desire to eat his toes. During a ride in the afternoon, he distinctly pointed at a horse, and made a remark which the head nurse is inclined to believe was 'too,' but which the second nurse considers to have been 'gee!'

"Thursday.—H. R. H. very sleepy; but the medical attendants did not think that the symptoms were in any way alarming, though the circumstances on being moved certainly were. He was pleased to break a severe cup in the forenoon, and to laugh very much at the crash.

"Friday.—H. R. H. much displeased at a bib being inserted under his double chin, and his special nurse with much violence. Afterwards a sudden clutch at his royal mother's Dagmar brooch slightly hurt his hand, but he was delighted when the naughty brooch was well whipped.

"Saturday.—H. R. H. in the highest spirits, and kicking vehemently. An attempt to swallow his red sock was happily frustrated, and his royal father's watch went into his mouth instead. He enjoyed his evening bath exceedingly, and utterly refused to allow himself to be removed from the water. At length an Angela kitten effected a diversion, and H. R. H. concluded the week by going to sleep with the affectionate kitten's tail in his hand."

A Good Work.—The Masonic fraternity of New York have appointed a commission to purchase supplies of flour and coal, and retail them to the poor at cost price. The city authorities approving the object, granted them the use of a piece of land at the Five Points, in which a depot has been established. The Commission commenced business yesterday. Flour will be sold in pound packages, and coal can be had by the bushel. The following are the prices:—Flour delivered in any part of New York city below Forty-third street, \$10.70 per barrel and \$5.35 per half barrel; delivered at any part of the city above Forty-third street, and in Brooklyn and Jersey City, ten cents extra. Purchased at depot, \$1.35 per eighth barrel, and 33 cents for 6 pounds. Coal delivered in any part of the city, Brooklyn, and Jersey City, \$6.50 per ton, large nut coal, and \$10.75 for stove coal. Purchased at depot at 40 and 48 cents per bushel.

—Never meet trouble half way, but let him have the whole walk for his pains. Perhaps he will give up his tricks in the signs of your house.

—Doctors tell us that hanging is a delightful death, the dying man being made physically happy. As executed criminals by the rope have never published their experience, probably the doctors are mistaken.

Arrest of a Dashing Frenchman.  
Decidedly the most startling and sensational case, says the Troy Times, December 3, that has occurred in the criminal history of this vicinity for a long time, was brought to light by the United States and local authorities yesterday and this morning. The facts are briefly these:—For many years there lived in Germany—at Cologne, we believe—a young banker by the name of Louis Goldfuss. Trained by his employers and acquaintances with all the secrets of the financial world, he is said to have not only forged the names of prominent merchants as drawers and endorsers on bills of exchange, but also to have successfully imitated the private mark which denoted the genuineness of the paper.

Leaving a wife and child in Prussia, he came to New York with a beautiful young lady of course a lady in the case last May, and is alleged to have negotiated fraudulent bills on persons in Germany, to the value of forty thousand dollars, which, at the equivalent of seventy-two cents per dollar, with gold at \$2.30, gave him the sum of about \$85,000. He came to Troy, and made many friends, especially among his fellow-countrymen. Fall in person, intelligent in conversation, and brilliant in conversation, Louis Goldfuss, as he called himself, was a man to make his mark anywhere. He bought in Wall street, and purchased a farm at Pittsburg, in this country, paying sixteen thousand dollars for it, and fitting it up in a regal style, equal to the island home of Bismarck.

But the Elysian dream was of short duration. Yesterday afternoon, Deputy United States Marshal Jarvis, of New York, arrived here with extradition papers, from the Prussian Government, in company with Officer Burbit, he proceeded to Pittsburg and arrested Goldfuss, alias Gerard, at his home. The officers also brought with them a safe containing thirty-five thousand dollars in gold, and reached here at midnight.

This morning the prisoner was taken to New York, but his friends secured the legal services of M. J. Townsend, Esq., and here with extradition papers, from the Prussian Government, in company with Officer Burbit, he proceeded to Pittsburg and arrested Goldfuss, alias Gerard, at his home. The officers also brought with them a safe containing thirty-five thousand dollars in gold, and reached here at midnight.

—The inventor of printing was no fool; but he has caused many a man to make fools of themselves.

—A Down East editor declares that modesty is a quality that highly adorns a woman, but ruins a man.

—Archbishop Whately said that gardening was a dangerous pastime for lunatics, because they might grow madder.

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